



# TOASTMASTERS DISTRICT 91 UK SOUTH NEWSLETTER

## E-Newsletter #1, July 2017

### Welcome Fellow Toastmasters

Hello and welcome to our new look newsletter. Each month the District 91 DLT will distil all the news and events across our district into one easy to digest e-newsletter. The information is replicated on our website with more detail; just follow the [<Read More>](#) links. Please do contact [Nigel](#), our District PR Manager, if you have any district level news to share.



### Diary Dates

The big event of the year, the [International Convention](#) in Vancouver, is just a few weeks away. If a member of your club is not attending then presidents and secretaries remember to make your [proxy vote](#), and if you don't know what a proxy vote is then check out the [video](#) on Facebook from Vanessa, our immediate past District Director.

Area Directors, now is the time to carry out your Club Officer Training (COT) and visit the clubs in your area. It's a little way off but all COT reports are due by 30 September. Coincidentally, the [Smedley Award](#) runs from 01 August to 30 September, boost your membership and receive discount on Toastmasters merchandise.

Andy O'Sullivan has kindly offered to run a few free webinars for us. He will explain his six step SYSTEM for growing your club membership on the [23 July](#) and [02 August](#). He will also present on running a contest on [09 August](#) and judging on [13 August](#).

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### DLT Dispatches

Each month you will receive a link to a short update from the DLT Trio of: Pedro - District Director, Andy - Program Quality Director and Florian - Club Growth Director. Vanessa - Immediate Past District Director, Beauty - Finance Manager, Nigel - PR Manager and Paul - Administration & ICT Manager will also contribute occasionally.

This month, Pedro and Andy update us on officer training across District 91 and report on how well the district performed last year. Florian offers some very useful tips on how to grow your club membership. Follow the [<Read More>](#) link below.

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### In the News

Each month one of our members writes an article which we then publish in external journals and websites.

This month Paul Carroll, of London Debaters, teaches us how to get to the point and shares his wisdom with [New Business](#), the [Sussex Business Times](#) (pages 42-43), [Tech City News](#), [Indezine](#), [Business Matters](#) and [Top Consultant](#).

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## Meet a Leader

Simon Bucknall is a very busy man. As we approach the International Convention in Vancouver, our District 91 International Speech Contest winner spends his spare time hopping on and off trains travelling to practise his two contest speeches in clubs across the district.

Our new D91 PR Manager, Nigel, caught up with Simon on a slow and noisy train from Kent and quizzes him on his preparation for Vancouver and any advice for future contestants.

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## Awards & Recognition

Over the last couple of months, the following District 91 members have achieved their DTM:

- Chris Howell, Bromley Speakers
- Gavin Meikle, Solent Speakers Club
- Lynne Cantor, Excalibur Speakers

and the following clubs were chartered:

- Blue Fin Speakers
- Master Speakers
- db Toastmasters - Canary Wharf

Well done to the new DTMs and clubs.

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## Resources & Links

Pedro Casillas, our new District Director has created a [OneNote Directory](#) of useful information for Division and Area Directors. Florian, our new Club Growth Director, has produced useful spreadsheets on [Club Membership & Conversion](#), [Club Budgeting](#) and [Club Fees Calculations](#).

Guy McNair-Wilson, of Hamwic Speakers, made a [quirky little video](#) of the District International Speech Contest. If you haven't seen it yet, it is well worth watching.

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## Stay in Touch

We hope you have found this newsletter useful; please share it with any fellow Toastmasters who have not received it. **Remind colleagues to keep their email addresses on [Toastmasters.org](#) up to date in order to receive District 91 comms and avoid bounces by using personal rather than work emails.**

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